

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

Claims 1-7 (Cancelled)

8. (Currently Amended) A hand drying apparatus comprising:  
a hand inserting portion having a concave shape including a front inner wall facing a back inner wall;  
an airflow generator that generates high-pressure airflows; and  
a first air nozzle and a second air nozzle that inject the high-pressure airflows generated by the airflow generator to the hand inserting portion, wherein the first air nozzle is provided on the front inner wall and the second air nozzle is provided on the back inner wall, wherein  
the first air nozzle includes a plurality of slit-shaped first holes arranged in a first line, each having a first length along the first line, and a plurality of first intervals, each having a third length along the first line, between the first holes,  
the second air nozzle includes a plurality of slit-shaped second holes arranged in a second line parallel to and opposite the first line, each having a second length along the second line, and a plurality of second intervals intervals, each having a fourth length along the second line, between the second holes, and  
the first length and the second length are different, or  
the third length and the fourth length are different.

9. (Cancelled).

10. (Previously Presented) The hand drying apparatus according to claim 8,  
wherein

the first length and the second length are different, and

the third length and the fourth length are different.

11. (Previously Presented) The hand drying apparatus according to claim 8,  
wherein a plurality of concave portions is formed on inner walls of the first holes and  
second holes.

12. (Previously Presented) The hand drying apparatus according to claim 8,  
wherein a plurality of convex portions is formed on inner walls of the first holes and  
second holes.

13. (Currently Amended) The hand drying apparatus according to claim 8,  
wherein the first and second air nozzles are configured such that

the high-pressure airflows injected from the first air nozzle and the high-  
pressure airflows injected from the second air nozzle collide at a plurality of first  
~~regions is formed where the high-pressure airflows injected from the first air nozzle~~  
~~and the high-pressure airflows injected from the second air nozzle collide,~~

the high-pressure airflows injected from the first air nozzle and the high-  
pressure airflows injected from the second air nozzle do not collide at at least one  
~~second region is formed where the high-pressure airflows injected from the first air~~

~~nozzle and the high pressure airflows injected from the second air nozzle do not collide, and~~

~~the first regions have having different lengths, and are formed on both sides of the second region the at least one second region is between the first regions.~~

14. (Previously Presented) The hand drying apparatus according to claim 13, wherein a plurality of concave portions is formed on inner walls of the first holes and second holes.

15. (Previously Presented) The hand drying apparatus according to claim 13, wherein a plurality of convex portions is formed on inner walls of the first holes and second holes.

16. (Previously Presented) The hand drying apparatus according to claim 13, wherein the first length is longer than the second length.

17. (Previously Presented) The hand drying apparatus according to claim 16, wherein a plurality of concave portions is formed on inner walls of the first holes and second holes.

18. (Previously Presented) The hand drying apparatus according to claim 16, wherein a plurality of convex portions is formed on inner walls of the first holes and second holes.

19. (Previously Presented) The hand drying apparatus according to claim 13, wherein the third length is shorter than the fourth length.

20. (Previously Presented) The hand drying apparatus according to claim 19, wherein a plurality of concave portions is formed on inner walls of the first holes and second holes.

21. (Previously Presented) The hand drying apparatus according to claim 19, wherein the plurality of convex portions is formed on inner walls of the first holes and second holes.